

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**August 23, 2010**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Powers presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Council Members Present:** Kevin Hanley, Bill Kirby, Keith Nesbitt, Bridget Powers

**Council Members Absent:** J. M. Holmes

**Staff Members Present:** City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Community Development Director Will Wong, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath, Police Chief Valerie Harris and Police Captain John Ruffcorn.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus of the Council.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Council Member Hanley removed item 7 from the consent calendar.

1. **Warrants**

By **RESOLUTION 10-101** ratify and approve payment of warrants 75339 through 75567 totaling \$1,464,618.22.

2. **Application for State HOME Program Funding for a First Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program and Housing Rehabilitation Program**

A. By **RESOLUTION 10-102**, approve submittal of a 2010 application to HCD requesting \$800,000 for funding of a First Time Homebuyer Down

Payment Assistance Program and a Housing Rehabilitation Program; authorize execution of a Grant Agreement and any amendments thereto; and designate and authorize the City Manager or Community Development Director to execute, on behalf of the City of Auburn, all HOME related documents.

B. By **RESOLUTION 10-103**, approve the HOME First Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program and the Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines.

3. **Authorization for the Fire Chief to Submit Grant Applications to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grants Program**

By **RESOLUTION 10-104**, authorize the Fire Chief to submit grant applications to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grants Program.

4. **Authorization for the Fire Department to Purchase One (1) New Utility / Command Vehicle**

By **RESOLUTION 10-105**, authorize the Fire Chief to proceed to purchase one (1) new utility / command vehicle through the State of California contract for a total amount of \$30,581.95 (all fees and taxes inclusive).

5. **Auburn Municipal Airport – Airfield Pavement Seal Coat and Taxiway Lighting Project (AIP 3-06-0012-10) - Award**

By **RESOLUTION 10-106**, authorize the Director of Public Works to execute construction contracts for the Auburn Municipal Airport – Airfield Pavement Seal Coat and Taxiway Lighting Project (AIP 3-06-0012-10) with Valley Slurry Seal for the seal coat portion of the project in an amount not to exceed \$462,650.10 and;

By **RESOLUTION 10-107**, authorize the Director of Public Works to execute construction contracts for the Auburn Municipal Airport – Airfield Pavement Seal Coat and Taxiway Lighting Project (AIP 3-06-0012-10) with Studebaker Brown Electrical for the lighting portion of the project in an amount not to exceed \$65,890.00.

6. **2010/11 Annual Local Transportation and State Transit Assistance Fund Claims**

By **RESOLUTION 10-108**, authorize the Director of Public Works to submit and execute on behalf of the City of Auburn the 2010/11 Transportation Development Act claims for the Local Transportation Fund in the amount of \$525,648 and the State Transit Assistance Fund in the

amount of \$57,931 to the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA).

7. **Regional Wastewater Project Value Engineering Study – Request for Funding**

Removed from consent calendar. See item 11a.

8. **Administrative Services Department Climate Control Project**

By **RESOLUTION 10-109**, authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into a construction agreement with Maki Heating & Air Conditioning for the Climate Control Project for the Administrative Services Department at City Hall.

9. **Vintage Oaks Lift Station Project – Notice of Completion**

By **RESOLUTION 10-110**, authorize the recording of a Notice of Completion for the Vintage Oaks Lift Station Project.

10. **Second Reading of Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing Use and Operation of Buildings Owned by the City or Occupied by City Staff**

Hold a second reading, by title only, and approve an **ORDINANCE 10-09** establishing rules and regulations governing use and operation of buildings owned by the City or occupied by City staff.

11. **Second Reading of an Ordinance to Recodify the 2005 Auburn Municipal Code, as Amended through August 9, 2010, in Order to Cost-Effectively Meet the City's Duty to Publish Notice of its Adopted Ordinances**

Hold a second reading, by title only, and approve an **ORDINANCE 10-10** to recodify the 2005 Auburn Municipal Code, as amended through August 9, 2010, in order to cost-effectively meet the City's duty to publish notice of its adopted ordinances.

\*\*\*\*\* End of Consent Calendar \*\*\*\*\*

By **MOTION**, approve consent calendar excluding item 7.  
**MOTION: Nesbitt/ Kirby/ Approved 4:0 (Holmes absent)**

11a. **Regional Wastewater Project Value Engineering Study – Request for Funding**

Council Member Hanley said he removed this item from the consent calendar because he has some concerns about the use of funds. He said this action is not consistent with the policy of the Council. He said another study would be necessary in the future to consider a regional sewer treatment plant that would not be built for at least 10 years.

Council Member Kirby said the commitment to look at a regional plant long term is the “proper decision.” He said the current costs for sewer pipeline have decreased significantly. He said our local plant will not last long term and can not sustain the City of Auburn. He said the decision of creating a regional plant will be made by the Board of Supervisors by the end of this year. He said this money is well spent on this study and will give Auburn a better idea of what direction needs to be taken.

Bob Snyder, resident on Marina Ave, spoke in favor of this regional wastewater treatment plant study. He said it will provide accurate information to make decisions.

Dan Sokol, resident on Deerwood Place, spoke in opposition to this study.

Council Member Nesbitt said a reason for the inflation in the original cost estimate is due to geology. He said no one knows the complexity of the geology and rock that would be in the way of the pipeline between Auburn and Lincoln. He said the strategy was to follow a parallel course pursuing both our local plant and a regional plant option.

Council Member Kirby said this is the study that Placer County is going to use make a final decision. He said ultimately the rate payers will be in a better financial situation with a regional plant. He said we need to start planning now for the future of the wastewater plant.

Council Member Hanley said a parallel course was not voted on. He said the decision was to raise rates and update Auburn’s local plant. He said there was not a vote to move forward with the regional plant. He said our upgraded plant has the ability to respond to future requirements from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. He said the City is almost completely built out and the need for a regional plant is not there.

Mayor Powers said she also feels like there was a parallel course for the two wastewater plants. She said the local plant will need costly updates within the next 5 years. She said the right direction is to move towards a regional wastewater treatment plant.

Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder said the City is going before the regional board in late September. She said this study is moving along very quickly and much progress has been made.

Council Member Hanley said this decision will affect the reduction of rates for tax payers. He said the decision was to update the local plant, although the regional plant option will not be completely eliminated.

By **RESOLUTION 10-111**, authorize the Director of Public Works to reimburse Placer County Facility Services for the City of Auburn's share of the Value Engineering study costs in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.

**MOTION: Kirby / Nesbitt / Approved 3:1 (Hanley voted "no" and Holmes was absent)**

12. **Public Comment**

Council Member Nesbitt said the last Art Walk held in Central Square was a success.

Bob Snyder, resident on Marina Ave, said he applauds the City's support for the State Theater.

Megan Siren, Public Works employee, said that the Police Department, Public Works and multiple other agencies are working on the "Drug Take-Back Event" on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Valerie Harris, Chief of Police, also spoke about the "Drug Take-Back Event" and said the goal is to get drugs off the street. She said unless someone has notified the Police Department about criminal activity involving a person's illegal use or possession of drugs, drop-offs would be taken with no questions asked

**REPORTS**

13. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Hanley reported on Project Canyon Safe fundraising at block parties.

Council Member Nesbitt reported Capitol Corridor shows a 5% increase in ridership over July 2009.

Council Member Kirby reported that because of Brown Act laws, other Council Members are unable to fully understand what is transpiring at

certain meetings, like the Placer Nevada County Wastewater Authority meeting.

Mayor Powers reported that the Economic Development Commission is working with Union Pacific Railroad to get permission to go on their property to eliminate the graffiti.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **14. Sierra Nevada Forest and Community Initiative**

Council Member Nesbitt presented this item.

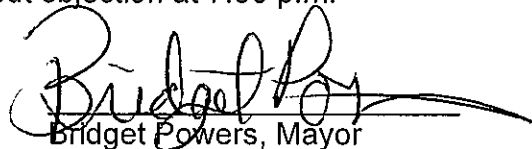
Pete Dufour of Sierra Nevada Conservancy explained the importance of this initiative.

Council Member comments followed regarding support of this initiative.

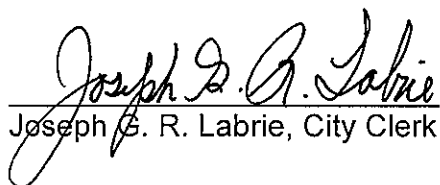
By **RESOLUTION 10-112**, declare that it is the City's intent to work collaboratively, constructively and in a transparent manner, with state and federal agencies, local and tribal governments, the environmental / conservation community and, the private sector, to improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region.

**MOTION: Nesbitt/ Kirby/ Approved 4: 0 (Holmes was absent)**

Mayor Powers **adjourned** the meeting without objection at 7:00 p.m.



Bridget Powers, Mayor



Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk